

**RULES
OF
TENNESSEE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 0145-05
AMATEUR EVENTS**

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0145-05-.01 APPLICABILITY.

- (1) The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all amateur unarmed combat events held or scheduled to be held in the state of Tennessee except:
 - (a) Those events held by schools, colleges and universities having membership in either the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association or the National Collegiate Athletic Association wherein the participants are bona fide students in the school, college, or university;
 - (b) Any event conducted solely for the exhibition of student skills related to a school; or
 - (c) Any event in which the rules allow only semi-contact and in which no knockouts are allowed.

Authority: Chapter 1149 of the Public Acts of 2008, § 2 and T.C.A. §§ 55-17-107, 55-17-114, 55-17-402, 68-115-201, 68-115-301, and 68-115-302 [effective July 1, 2008]. **Administrative History:** Emergency chapters 0145-01 through 0145-05 filed November 7, 2008; effective though April 21, 2009. Emergency rule filed April 20, 2009; effective through October 2, 2009. New rule filed March 17, 2009; effective May 31, 2009. Amendments filed May 8, 2019; effective August 6, 2019.

0145-05-.02 AMATEUR SANCTIONING ORGANIZATIONS.

- (1) Unless exempted pursuant to Rule 0145-05-.01, an amateur combatant shall not participate in any unarmed combat event or exhibition unless the event or exhibition is sanctioned by an amateur sanctioning organization recognized and approved by the Commission and the participant is registered with such sanctioning organization. The Commission will only approve and recognize those amateur sanctioning organizations that are able to establish and enforce rules regarding safety and rules regarding amateur conduct during unarmed combat as strict as, or stricter, than those established by the Commission for professional unarmed combat contests.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), a sanctioned event that is point based, does not allow for knockouts, or in which the use of padded headgear is mandatory shall not be required to comply with the provisions of T.C.A. § 68-115-404(f) regarding ambulatory and medical officials so long as a defibrillator and person(s) qualified to use the defibrillator are present at all times. The executive director may, within seven (7) days of the event, require any promoter claiming this exemption to provide information sufficient to the executive director to determine that the promoter is eligible for the exemption as set out in this paragraph (2).
- (3) The executive director may, in his or her discretion, upon request of a promoter of an event, exempt an event from any rule by taking into account:

(Rule 0145-05-.02, continued)

- (a) Whether such exemption would create an unreasonable risk to the health, safety, and welfare of any amateur;
- (b) Whether the rule creates a duplicative requirement satisfied by a promoter or sanctioning organization in another verifiable manner including, but not limited to, that the promoter or sanctioning organizer carries medical insurance; and
- (c) Whether such exemption would alleviate a promoter from an unnecessary expense without increasing a risk of harm to any amateur.

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0145-05-.03 PERMITS FOR AMATEUR EVENTS.

- (1) A promoter of an amateur event of unarmed combat shall obtain a permit from the Commission not less than thirty (30) days prior to the event.
- (2) Applications for permits shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the Commission. The applicant shall completely and truthfully respond to all questions or requests for information propounded on, or in connection with, the application. Provided that the information is complete, the application shall be processed by the Commission within five (5) business days of receipt thereof.
- (3) The fee for the permit shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00); however, if the applicant establishes for the Commission that it is a non-profit organization, as that term is defined within the United States revenue code, the fee shall be waived.

Authority: Chapter 1149 of the Public Acts of 2008, § 2 and T.C.A. §§ 68-115-201 and 68-115-213 [effective July 1, 2008]. **Administrative History:** Emergency chapters 0145-01 through 0145-05 filed November 7, 2008; effective though April 21, 2009. Emergency rule filed April 20, 2009; effective through October 2, 2009. New rule filed March 17, 2009; effective May 31, 2009.